

Explore the Outdoors

Near State College, PA



- **Bald Eagle State Forest** - Made up of nearly 196,000 acres with world renowned fishing on Penns Creek.
- **Bald Eagle State Park** – Hiking and butterfly trails provide opportunities to observe birds, wildlife, and spectacular fall foliage. Plan a stay at the award winning Nature Inn at Bald Eagle.
- **Black Moshannon State Park** – The boardwalk and trails allow visitors to explore unique birds, plants, and forests.
- **Canoe Creek State Park** – The lake is popular for fishing year round. Hikers enjoy the trails that wind through the many habitats. Picnicking, swimming at the beach, enjoying educational programs, and staying the night in a modern cabin also are popular activities
- **Greenwood Furnace State Park** – Splendid spot for outdoor recreation enthusiasts of all kinds. The park was the site of an active iron furnace community and has historical programming which provides a glimpse into the past.
- **Penn-Roosevelt State Park** – 41 acre park offers rustic camping, hunting, fishing, hiking, biking and wildlife viewing.
- **Poe Paddy State Park** – The park is at the confluence of Big Poe Creek and Penns Creek, a trout angler's paradise featuring the nationally recognized green drake mayfly hatch in June. Hikers enjoy the Mid State Trail.
- **Poe Valley State Park** – Campers can fish, swim and moor their boats in Poe Lake, as well as hunt, hike and other outdoor recreation in surrounding Bald Eagle State Forest.
- **Prince Gallitzin State Park** – The 1,600 acre lake is popular with boaters, anglers, and wildlife. Modern camping facilities in a picturesque mountain setting.
- **R.B. Winter State Park** – the park lies in a shallow basin surrounded by rocky ridges covered with an oak and pine forest. The focal point of the park is Halfway Lake, which is filled by spring-fed mountain streams and contained by a hand-laid, native sandstone dam. Open year round, the park provides diverse opportunities for recreation.
- **Ravensburg State Park** – The rock outcroppings are draped with stunted oak trees, making a most scenic area. The park is especially beautiful in June when the mountain laurel blooms and in October to see the fall foliage change colors.
- **Reeds Gap State Park** – The park trails are a great spot for nature walks and wildlife viewing. Tent camping is available.
- **Rothrock State Forest** – The 97,000 acre forest provides many recreational opportunities. Hike the loop trail at Alan Seeger Natural Area, backpack along the Mid-State Trail on Tussey Mountain.
- **Whipple Dam State Park** – The park is a delightful spot for a relaxing day outdoors. Enjoy swimming, fishing, picnicking or a quiet hike on Whipple Lake Trail.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer

Volunteers - they're the lifeblood of our parks and forests. The Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation offers a wide variety of opportunities to put a volunteer's special skills to work. Whether you're a trail-builder, a wildlife expert, an event organizer or one of those special people who always say, "Just put me to work wherever you need me," Pennsylvania's state parks and forests have a role for you.

Foundation Volunteers

Volunteers are welcome to assist with mailings, events, photography, videography, media editing, and more.

Volunteer in State Parks and Forests with Friends Groups

Friends Groups are local groups who volunteer their time, services and support to enhance our state park and forest systems.

What Do Friends Groups Do?

They work in partnership with the park to:

- Raise money for park playgrounds, equipment, and material
- Organize annual park cleanups and regular trail work days
- Plan and execute special events including craft shows, concerts and festivals
- Construct park and forest amenities like trails, visitor centers and gift shops
- Serve as campground hosts, visitor center hosts, and docents
- Create awareness about the value of their state park or forest

Central Pennsylvania Friends Groups

- Friends of Black Moshannon State Park
- Friends of Canoe Creek State Park
- Friends of Greenwood Furnace State Park
- Friends of Prince Gallitzin State Park
- Friends of Rothrock State Forest

Conservation Volunteers

Volunteer opportunities in state parks and forests are also available through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Learn more at www.paparksandforests.org and <https://www.volunteers.dcnr.state.pa.us/index.aspx>